Foreign Technical collaborations and franchise pacts

1258. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cases of foreign technical collaborations and franchise pacts as recommended by Project Approval Board (PAB) during the last one year;

(b) the number of Technical Collaboration Agreements (TCA) which were approved during the above period;

(c) whether some trade mark agreements between Indian subsidiaries and foreign companies were also approved for fuel injection systems for petrol engines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Since January, 2003, a total of 172 cases of Foreign Technical Collaboration Agreements including Franchise agreements have been recommended by the Project Approval Board (PAB). The major sectors of such foreign technical collaborations and franchise agreements are automobiles (including auto ancillaries), electrical equipments (including software & electronics), chemicals, oil refineries, hotel & tourism industry and miscellaneous mechanical & engineering industries. All the cases recommended by the PAB have been approved by the Government.

(c) and (d) A trade mark agreement between M/s. Robert Bosch GmbH, Germany and their Indian subsidiary M/s. Robert Bosch India Limited was approved for "Fuel Injection systems and parts thereof for Petrol Engines for Motor Vehicles" on payment of Royalty @ 1% on internal sales, subject to taxes, without any restriction on the duration of royalty payment.

Dispute between tea growers and factories

1259. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the long standing dispute between the green leaf growers and bought leaf factories of the tea industry has been resolved;